

SAINT ANDREW CHORISTERS

October 2019

Dear Saint Andrew School, Parish, and PSR Students,

You are invited to become a part of the **St. Andrew Christmas Choristers**, an after-school choir for students in grades three through eight. Rehearsals will be held on **Wednesday afternoons, 3:00-4:00** in preparation to sing for a Sunday Advent liturgy, the 4:00 Christmas Eve Vigil Mass, and one (or more) weekday school liturgies (for those who are available).

The schedule for our rehearsals and Masses is attached. Please look it over carefully. Since participation in Choristers requires a certain level of commitment from both students and parents, we ask that both sign the attached form and return it...preferably by Tuesday, October 22, 2019. Forms may be returned to your classroom/PSR teacher, to Mrs. Biedenharn, or to the parish office. This year our school music teacher, Mrs. Biedenharn, will be assisting with Chorister rehearsals and liturgies.

Parents, you play an important role in this project. Please help your child discern if Choristers is something he/she would be interested in and if you will be able to commit to the rehearsal and Mass schedule.

We will gather in the "parlor" area of the school/church from approximately 2:50-3:00 on rehearsal days. During that time the children will have a snack break, followed immediately by rehearsal in the choir loft. In an effort to accommodate individual dietary restrictions and food allergies, we are asking that *each child bring his/her own snack to eat prior to rehearsal*. Finally, **for the safety of all students, parents should meet their children in the vestibule (gathering space) of the church at the end of rehearsal**. Children should *not* be wandering the buildings or parking lot on their own. Also, parents, please be prompt in arriving to pick up your child each week as adult supervision cannot be guaranteed beyond 4:00.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Lortz at the parish music office: 614-451-1839 or via e-mail: plortz@standrewparish.cc We hope you will consider participating in this great musical opportunity!

Mr. Philip Lortz
Director of Music, St. Andrew Catholic Church
and
Mrs. Ashley Biedenharn
Music Teacher, St. Andrew Catholic School

Note to PSR Students and parents: *We realize that many of you will be coming from other schools and locations around town and may not be able to arrive by 3:00 pm. Please do not let this deter you from becoming a part of the Choristers. Just get here as soon as you can each week and meet us in the choir loft. Also, feel free to bring your permission slip with you to the first rehearsal if that is more convenient. Please contact Mr. Lortz if you have questions.*